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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(c), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO Form 1449. To the knowledge of the undersigned after reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was known to any individual designated in C.F.R. § 1.56(c) more than 3 months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement.

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Copies of the documents listed on the attached PTO Form 1449 are attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art."

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Respectfully submitted,

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